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TITLE: AUTOCLAVE CONTROL  
MECHANISMS FOR PRESSURE  
OXIDATION OF MOBYBDENITE )

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EXAMINER: STEVEN J. BOS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant(s), by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the  
Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the  
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